

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.
We have authorized Mr. OLAV BUNDE to sign our Firm from this date.
DREYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
It is hereby given that the Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. O. JAMESON in our Firm ceased on the 30th September last.
The Business will in future be carried on by Mr. Z. BARTON under the Name or Style of JAMESON & BARTON, as heretofore.
JAMESON & BARTON.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
As my Engagement ceases in May next, all outstanding Accounts for the past Two Years must be sent in immediately for payment.
MARY HASTELOW RANDLE,
Superintendent,
Diocesan School,
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
The Business of the Undersigned will be carried on at Pender's Hill, Mr. EDMUND R. HOLMES having retired from the same.
GRO. HOLMES,
Ship and General Broker,
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

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INSURANCES.

REDUCTION
IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR
FIRE INSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have (as already intimated in their Circular dated 14th October last) received authority from the Secretary of the ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY to reduce the rate of Premium under certain circumstances, on PRIVATE RESIDENCES and on FURNITURE and EFFECTS, therein contained.

In cases of DWELLING-HOUSES removed from the Town, the rate of Premium will be Three-quarters per Cent. in place of One per Cent. per Annum as hitherto charged; and in cases of Residences, so situated, being detached or semi-detached, the rate will be further reduced to One-half per Cent.

The Royal's Annual Rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will therefore remain as follows, until further notice, viz.:

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses (removed from the Town) and their Contents. 1 per cent.

Other Dwelling-Houses (similarly situated) and their Contents. 1 per cent.

First Class China House and their Contents. 1 per cent.

Other Risks as per special arrangement.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, November 9, 1866.

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ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above INSURANCE OFFICE, are prepared to accept Marine Risks, and issue Policies on any first class Sailing Vessel or Steamers, on the usual terms, payable in case of loss, in CHINA, SINGAPORE, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, or LONDON.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

REDUCTION
IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR
FIRE INSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have received Instruction to Reduce Rates for Fire Insurance for short periods as follows:—

On Policies not exceeding 1 month from 1 per cent. to 1/2 per cent.

On Policies not exceeding 3 months from 1/2 per cent. to 1/4 per cent.

On Policies not exceeding 6 months from 1/4 per cent. to 1/8 per cent.

On Policies not exceeding 12 months from 1/8 per cent. to 1/16 per cent.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, January 6, 1865.

THE SWISS LLOYD.
Transport Insurance Company of Winterthur.

THE Undersigned having been appointed General Agents for China of the above named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks on the usual terms.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, January 1, 1867.

DE OOSTERLING
SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.

SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above named Companies are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks on the usual terms.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, August 1866.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

DETACHED and Semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from Town, and their Contents. 1 per cent.

Other Dwelling Houses, used strictly as such, and their Contents. 1 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, and their Contents. 1 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, China Fire Insurance Company,
Hongkong, March 6, 1865.

INSURANCES.

REDUCTION OF RATES.
THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Short period Risks at the following Reduced Scale, viz.:

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 of the annual rate

Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 3/4 do.

Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 5/8 do.

Above 6 months and not exceeding 12 months, 3/4 of the annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company,
Hongkong, August 7, 1866.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$80,000 on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Hongkong, August 24, 1864.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
DIVIDEND of (8 per cent) Eight per cent has been declared on the net Premium contributed to the above Association for the year ending 30th September, 1866.

Policy holders will please send in particulars of their contributions to that date to the Undersigned.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Secretaries,
Hongkong, September 10, 1866.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on BUILDINGS and GOODS, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, February 6, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against SEA RISKS, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, April 1, 1865.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Secretaries and Agents of this Association, are prepared to issue Policies upon Marine Risks at current rates of premium. Policies can be made payable in London, New York, Bombay, Calcutta, Singapore, Hongkong, Foochow and Shanghai.

In addition to the usual brokerage this Association returns to the assured of each year (15) per cent of the profits of the Company for that year divided pro rata to the amount of premium paid by each policy-holder.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, March 2, 1867.

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RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, September 7, 1867.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.
ESTABLISHED 1838.
CAPITAL, £500,000.

Managing Agents in China, — Messrs. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Hongkong, Medical Referee, — J. IVOR MURRAY, Esq., M.D.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Managing Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.

For further particulars, forms of proposals, &c., apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Managing Agents in China.
Hongkong, June, 1867.

JOHAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
LONDON.
Incorporated 1859.

CAPITAL, — £1,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine risks and issue Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Hongkong, June 6, 1867.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.
CAPITAL ONE MILLION STERLING.

THE DIRECTORS have the pleasure to announce the appointment of Messrs. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., as agents for the Company at Hongkong, Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, and Fukuoka, who are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates and of whom all needful information may be obtained.

By Order of the Board,
JAS. B. NOLTHCOTT, Secretary.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
CAPITAL, — TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, either at this Port, or at Macao, Canton or Whampoa, to the extent of £15,000, in any one Risk upon Buildings or Merchandise, on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, June 8, 1867.

INSURANCES.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurance on the usual Terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following Reduced Rates will be charged in future for Short period Insurances, viz.:

One month, 1/2 per cent.

Three months, 3/4 do.

Six months, 5/8 do.

JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Company,
Hongkong, August 6, 1866.

BRATE & ROBERTZ.
General & Commission Agents.
NAGASAKI.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. W. A. STURROCK in our Firm ceased yesterday by lapse of time.

BOYD & Co.,
Amoy, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.

GLOVER & Co.,
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES DES MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.

PAQUEBOIS POSTE FRANCAIS.

INDIA AND CHINA STEAMERS, HONGKONG AGENCY.

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUER, ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA, MARSEILLES.

THE Company's Steamship DONNA, Commandant B. JONAS, will leave this port for the above places, with Mail, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, TO-MORROW, Thursday, the 30th inst., at 2 p.m.

For further particulars apply at the Company's Office, Queen's Road.

C. BERTHARD, Principal Agent.
Hongkong, January 29, 1868.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.
1855 to 1857.

NOTICE.
THERE will be a General Meeting of the Shareholders in the above Society, held at their Office on SATURDAY, the 8th of February, at 3 p.m.

By order of the Directors,
C. D. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 29, 1868.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.
MAILS will close:—

For INDIA, EUROPE, &c. — Per Messageries Maritimes des Messageries Impériales, the "DONNA," on THURSDAY, the 30th inst. at 1 p.m. To and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles; to France and other Continental States (as a direct mail to France); to Saigon, Singapore, Galle, India, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion and Mauritius, Suez and Alexandria; after which no letters can be received.

Letters for Registration will be received until Noon on the 30th inst.

All correspondence intended to be forwarded by the vessels of the above company must be accompanied by Message-ries Imperial Packet.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Post-master General.

UNDER DESPATCH.
For India, Europe, &c. — Per Messageries Maritimes, the "DONNA," on THURSDAY, the 30th inst. at 2 p.m.

ARRIVALS.
Jan. 29, Duplice, French steamer, 900, Noel, Shanghai, Jan. 26, General. — M. L. Jan. 29, Aden, British steamer, 777, W. B. Andrews, Shanghai, Jan. 26, Silk, P. & O. Co.

DEPARTURES.
Jan. 29, Condor, for Ningpo.
29, Arthur, for Keelung.
29, Yuen, for Swatow.
29, Stead, for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED. — Per Aden, Mr. Plumer, Mrs. Butcher, Dr. Sibbald, Messrs. Waller, Duncan, Chou, Conger, Rainbow, Wilson, Barnard, Chiswell, Greenly, Anderson, Mrs. Lawrence and European Female, and 29 Chinese.

Per Duplice. — For Hongkong — Messrs. Cunningham, Knight, De Campos and Pogg.
For Singapore — Mr. Wachtell.
For Malacca — Messrs. Clement, Mucam, Goethe, Riviere, Gassill and Thurnell.

CLEARED.
Lina, for Calcutta.
Alabara, for Saigon.

SHIPPING REPORT.
The Duplice left Shanghai at noon, on the 26th, the Aden passing out half an hour before. Anchored three hours outside the Red Buoy to remedy a catch in the machinery. At noon, on the 26th, after passing the Red Buoy, the smoke of the Aden 20 miles ahead; drew up at about a mile an hour and passed her at 9 a.m., on the 26th) on same morning met the steamer United Service bound up. Arrived at Hongkong, at 4 p.m., on the 26th, the Aden 8 miles behind. Weather very fine and sea smooth throughout the passage. 26th, at 1 p.m. off Single Island saw steamer Yuen bound North, and a brig-rigged steamer steering to the S. E.

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others; on arriving off the bar she found a high sea still running, and heard the unusual intelligence of the death of Admiral Bell, who, whilst endeavoring to cross the bar, had been drowned with his flag Lieutenant and ten of his crew, by the bursting of the mine. The body of the Admiral was picked up under the stern of the ship, and washed ashore. The steam cutter, rejoining the *Agile*, reported that, on being cast adrift on the evening of the 9th, she was turned round by the sea and was soon filled to the thwart with water, the engine fires were extinguished but being a life boat, the crew and crew grave.

The *Agile* was communicated with by Captain Blane at noon, received despatches from Sir H. Harry Parkes, and then sailed to Yokohama, where she arrived at midnight on the 13th. —*Japan Herald.*

I mean, warning people against "disgraceful
 streets with fragments of old straw chairs,
 tattered, rubbish, etc., and a little mis-
 sionary on the part of our efficient and
 energetic staff of lobbyists, would no doubt,
 at least partly, put a stop to the above
 mentioned nuisance.
 It too great a part of the revenue of our
 colony is absorbed, by having those "ever
 ready" playin' rascals," well, let us do
 our best to have them speedily removed,
 and, who, has not signed yet the list at
 Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.'s store, will
 be well by doing so at once; we will de-
 fend ourselves against pirates and other
 ill beasts, but let us have our streets clean
 and very clean, worthy of a "British" col-
 ony.—I am &c.,

the *Times of India* says—Hadoda, on the
of the Buddas, is the direct route to
Boonda, and was lately visited by Colonel

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tion, G.O.P.R. examined:—I am a distinguished cavalry officer. Have served various parts of the United Kingdom, and have been in the Continental a regular for many years. Since I have been in the service, I have been distinguished highly, during that time. Approve of the offences for which members of the corps are 'rattened' are principles of etiquette. Remember Captain de Cauter. He was 'rattened' for not having his gentleman. Don't remember any man being 'rattened' for getting drunk. Gentlemen do get drunk sometimes. Gentlemen never drink beer out of power. I employed noncommissioned officers to wait on me. I was 'rattened'. Did not succeed in my appealing him. He was 'rattened' for stopping promotion. He was my equator and my prodigy. He was my equator and my prodigy. He refused on principle. 'Don't know what he meant by principle.' By regulation mean the price of a commission as fixed by the Queen's regulations. Of course I declined all my steps. Have always been more than regulation. Don't know he is seven more. Because a lieutenant-colonel seven more. My name paid £10.00 for promotion. Box and cost managed pay £20.00. Box and cost managed. Believe they are paid for doing these things by the War Office. Believe I did curtsy. Consider such certificates lost. I applied first for purchase won't pay more than regulation he stops promotion. I was a cavalry officer. He has no business coming into my affairs. He knows what you mean by 'user'.

17. In 1084, Guichard, Duke of Normandy, was called by the Pope Gregory VI
18. In 1130, Lothario II. intervened a

to make allotments of shares to themselves in the names of other persons." He commented on the shameless admission of one Bezoujee Bomonjee that he had tricked

evidence alleged to have been taken before a private commission of investigation with the view of establishing that the system of coercion, intimidation, and persecution practised by trade unions is in force in the learned and liberal professions, and that it is unjust to indulge in sweeping condemnations of these societies among working men while the highest authorities of the law are doing nothing necessary for us to point out that there can be no possible analogy between the rule made by knife-grinders and bricklayers and the laws of etiquette formed for regulating the affairs of officers and gentlemen, but we publish the evidence for what it is worth, leaving it to our readers to form their own conclusions:—

Remember anything being put into his
 Remember an explosion of gas in his room
 Didn't swear that I had not a hand in
 Did not mean to hurt him--only
 might him by. Don't know what y
 persuasion. He left the army
 his own accord. Don't remember sayi
 make the corps too hot for his
 have said so. Don't consider Brown
 treacherous.

THE SPEECHES OF LORD CLIVE

A FINE specimen of the Saxon ring w
 by the higher classes during the Hugue
 was discovered the other day on the farm
 Mr. P. Hornby, of Cattleholmes, near Dir
 It weighs an ounce and a quart
 and contains gold equal to five sovereign
 it is supposed to be at least 1200 ye

21. In 1304, the French, led by the Duke of Anjou, entered Italy, at the request of Urban V.
22. In 1272, Rudolph, Emperor of Germany, was called by Nicholas III.
23. In 1309, the French, commanded by Charles of Valois, entered Italy at the request of Boniface VIII.
24. In 1380, the Austrians entered Italy at the solicitation of John XXIII.
25. In 1393, Innocent VI called Charles VII.
26. In 1396, Louis of Hungary was called by Urban VI.
27. In 1411, the Pope John XXIII called Sigismund, Emperor of Germany.
28. In 1453, Sixtus IV requested the assistance of the Turks against Venice.
29. In 1487, Charles VIII of France was

A GREAT meeting of Roman Catholics was held in London, on the 4th Dec., to express sympathy with the Pope. Archbishop Mann presided, and among the speakers were Lord Denbigh, Lord Arundell of Wardour, Sir George Bowyer, and Sir C. Clifford. Lord Denbigh, with all the enthusiasm of a convert, repudiated "such a thing as nationality," and said he was "nothing but a Catholic—no Englishman." He was followed by the Duke of Devonshire, who, as the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Russell, Lord Manning, and Lord Shaftesbury, would admit that our Government was the best in the world," but he declared that the Pope's was the work. On the contrary he "would extol it as irreproachable, just, and merciful," and he ventured to affirm that it was the "duty of every Christian Power to protect, if need be, its

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